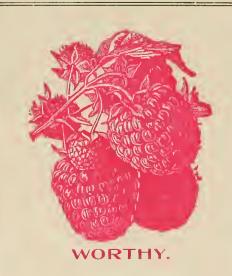
CATALOGUE OF

Strawberries, Raspberries and ...Blackberries...

1903







C. W. GRAHAM,

Afton-on-the-Susquehanna,

Chenango Co., New York.

Certificate of Inspection...

of Nursery Stock accompanies each order.

NOTICE TO PURCHASERS.

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Money may be sent at my risk by P. O. money order, express money order, check, registered letter, or draft on New York. Sums under \$1.00 may be sent in one cent stamps. Payment invariably in advance. No order booked unless accompanied by a remittance as a guarantee of good faith; the balance before shipment. Goods sent C. O. D. only when one fourth the amount is sent with the order, when charges for returning money will be added to the bill.

Our stock of plants is warranted true to name. We very seldom make mistakes, but if they do occur they are cheerfully corrected without loss to customers, if we are notified promptly.

We guarantee that all plants ordered sent by mail or express before May 1st shall reach their destination safely. If any fail to do so, or if any mistake has been made we stand ready to rectify the error or make good the loss, if notified promptly.

While we take the greatest care to have all stock true to name, in case any shall prove otherwise, we will not be liable for an amount greater than that actually paid us for the stock. It practically never occures that our stock is untrue, except in one instance where we received plants from an introducer not true to name.

When we are sold out of a variety ordered, we can frequently substitute others to the advantage of the purchaser, if permitted to do so. On orders received before May 1st we do not do this unless given express permission to do so; on orders received after that date, however, we retain the right to substitute where necessary, unless expressly forbidden to do so.

CANADIAN CUSTOMERS ordering plants by mail must add five cents a dozen or twenty-five cents a hundred to prices given in this catalogue for plants by mail postpaid, as Canadian postal rates on plants are double those charged by the United States.

We commence filling orders as soon as the ground is in condition for digging and continue the work as orders are called for. We send out only good stock in good condition, freshly dug and well packed.

Raspberry and blackberry plants can be sent by freight early in the spring in good order at the purchaser's risk. Strawberry plants go by mail or express. It is always best to plant three varieties: early, me lium and late, so as to prolong the season.

Unless otherwise ordered, we ship our plants direct from here by National Express.

ESTIMATES.—During the busy season making estimates consumes too much time. This catalogue is priced for the purpose of saving time; order from it.

It sometimes happens that we send two catalogues to one address. Should you receive more than one copy please hand the extra one to some friend who would be interested in it.

Plants go for 20 per cent, less by express than other goods. Some nurserymen will tell you that they have secured a cut rate; this is not the case, all receive the same rate.

Ordering: purchasers are requested to use the envelope and order sheet found in this catalogue when ordering plants.

Your name, postoffice and state should be distinctly written, and be sure that neither is omitted. No matter if you write several times, always give full name and postoffice address.

REFERENCES.

For references address; First National Bank, Bainbridge, N. Y., National Express Co.'s agents, Church & Hill, bankers, Afton, N. Y.

STRAWBERRIES.

NEW VARIETIES.

HEN ordering please state how you want your plants sent, by mail or express. Six of a variety at dozen, 50 at 100, and 500 at 1000 rates. We will sell 250 plants at the 1000 rate if your total order is not less than 1000 plants. When sent by mail add 25c per 100 at 100 rates. Plants postpaid at dozen and 25 rates.

NOTE:—Those that are marked (Imp.) are imperfect blossoms and should have every third or fourth row (Per.) varieties planted with them for to pollenize the same.

The Chellie Strawberry.

Awarded First Class Certificate of Merit, Germantown Horticulture Soc., 1901 and Highly Recommended by Reliable Nurserymen.

This Berry originated on the farm of Nathaniel Barton, Mt. Ephriam, Camden County, N. J., in 1896, and fruited two years later. This plant has a perfect blos-



som, is a strong grower, free runner, clear of rust, very productive, and a sure bearer, the fruit ripening midseason to late. The large, symmetrically shaped berry, with a fresh green calyx, is a bright, glossy red; coloring all over and having no green point, it presents a strickingly attractive appearance throughout the season. It is of firm texture, and superior flavor resembling that of the wild strawberry; in short, it appears so perfect in every way that it is quite certain to become a leading variety.—Originator.

Plants here a moderate grower. Very large, of the Nick Ohmer style. *Per Dozen 30c; 25, 45c; 100,* \$1.20.

Oom Paul. (Per.) Originated by I. S. Palmer of New York state and introduced by T. C. Kevitt of New Jersey. We bought our stock of plants direct from the introducer last spring and this season have a limit-

ed amount of plants to offer at about half the price they were sold at last year.

The Introducer says: the new strawberry Oom Paul, the flower of the world. For many years past I. S. Pahmer of Columbia Co., N. V., has given much time to growing seedling strawberries, aiming to secure a good reliable berry, one that will yield at the rate of fifteen thousand quarts to the acre, with proper care. Origin on parentage Jessie and Bubach No. 5. Stupendous in size and delicious in flavor, nice shape, elegant color, shipping the best. The plant is a very rank grower. Another strong point in favor of Oom Paul is that the last picking never runs small. Very

prolific. The berries are called giants by visitors here. Single plants yield a full quart. A record breaker-six berries filled a quart box-for which \$10.00 was paid at our field meeting, June 15th, 1901. Make a fortune by growing giant strawberries the size of tomatoes. One hundred and forty quarts were picked from two hundred and eighty Oom Paul plants one single picking. The Oom Paul is the largest strawberry ever fruited on our plant farm. Six specimens filled a quart. Have compared it with eighty other varieties grown on our plant farm. It has greater merit than any other berry. Berries are very large, roundish, conical; color glossy crimson. It is a wonderfully productive strawberry. Per Dozen \$1.00; 25, \$1.50; 100, \$1.50.

The Fairfield Strawberry. From New Jersey. This variety is claimed to be very early and a great money maker. The most productive here on spring set plants.

In the Spring of 1901 our attention was called to a new seedling strawberry growing on P. Johnson's farm, and just as it was commencing to ripen we made it a point to go and see the berry and plants. We were very much pleased with it and thought it a berry worthy of general distribution, and a valuable addition to the already long list of Strawberries. But Mr. Johnson and I could not agree, as he had long enjoyed a monopoly of this variety, he had let no one have any plants, and the fruit was paying him much better than any of some dozen or twenty kinds—growing as he does from 20 to 30 acres of berries—and not until the 20th of December, 1901, did we induce Mr. Johnson to give the plants general distribution. And we

have the introducing of the berry.-Introducer.

The Originator says: I have grown this berry for several years, starting with one plant only, and have never seen any berry nearly its equal for Earliness, Large Size, Productiveness, Color, Quality and Firmness. Out of about fifteen kinds covering twenty (20) acres this was far ahead of any as a money-maker. Comparison of prices with other berries cannot be made very well as they were all done except the very last picking when the others began to pick. It has a very strong foliage and has never shown any sign of rust. Has a large, perfect blossom. It has been grown on light and heavy soil and scens to do well on either. It roots very deep and withstands dry weather better than most other kinds. This also enables it to bring a large crop to perfection and hold the size up well at the last pickings, and I believe the berry will average about twice as large and double the quarts that Michael's Early will, aside from being three to five days earlier.

FAIRTON, N. J., DEC. 15, 1901.

S. B. COLE.

I take pleasure in recommending "Fairfield," your early strawberry, as I am a shipper of berries and find that this variety sells well, stands shipping good and comes early enough to command best prices. H. B. BAMFORD.

FAIRTON, N. J., DEC. 16, 1901.

S. B. COLE, Dear Sir:

I have seen Fairfield Strawberry grown for two years; would say that they are the earliest of the early; they are of good color, a good, hardy shipper and a splendid table berry. ALONZO CAMPBELL.

FAIRTON, N. J., DEC. 17, 1901.

S. B. COLE. My son has fruited the Fairfield alongside of the Hoffman and Michael's Early and several other early berries, and they are from two to four days earlier than any berry I ever saw. They are the largest early berry I ever saw; robust and very productive. The berries are of good color and an excellent shipper. They are perfect blossoms and the plant is a good runner. Yours truly, PETER JOHNSON.

Per Dozen 30c; 25, 45c; 100, \$1.20.

Challenge. (Per.) Introduced last spring by M. Crawford of Ohio, at \$2.00 per dozen. We found the plant of large size, with excellently clean foliage, no rust, a moderate grower.

The following is from Mr. Crawford's catalogue: "The Challenge is, in our

opinion, essentially a market berry. It is immensely productive, of the largest size, of good color, quality and appearance, and a splendid shipper. For resisting drouth we believe it has no superiors and very few, if any, equals. Its long roots enable it to go through a drouth better than probably any other variety on the market, as was proven at its home in Missouri in the awful summer of 1901. It is pro-

ductive, large, of good color, and probably firmer than any other.

Last summer, on fall set plants, the fruit was actually heaped up around the plants. In the four years we have fruited it, we have always found it enormously productive. The berries are as large as the Bubach, that is, as large as any variety with which we are acquainted, and are generally of good form, not creased like the Bubach, or coxcombed like the first Wm. Belt, but more of the form of the Parker Earle, only shorter and broader—a somewhat flattened double cone with the broadest part almost midway between the stem and the tip. The color is dark red, it colors all over and is red clear through. In firmness we believe it is the peer if not the superior of any big berry we have ever known. The originator shipped Challenge berries from Missouri to Denver in hot weather in a common express car, and they arrived in fine condition. In short, we do not know any other variety that combines in itself to so great a degree health, ability to resist drouth, productiveness, size, color, quality and firmness.

"The claims I make for the Challenge are a healthy, vigorous plant, immensely productive of very large berries, more so than any strawberry I have seen that bore large berries, as large as the largest; fine flavor and color, unsurpassed as a shipper, having been shipped to Denver, Colo., in hot weather in a common express car, and having arrived there in fine condition. A good plant maker and a wonder-

ful drouth resister."-Originator. Per Dozen 500; 25, 750; 100, \$2.20.

Lyon. (Imp.) Originated about seven years ago by Mr. I. W. Hardy, of Michigan. With us the plants are of moderate size, healthy, free from rust, and about the greatest runners on the place. To obtain the best results the Lyon should be grown in hills or the half matted row.

The following is the originator's description: "The Lyon is a seedling of Bubach, but bears no resemblance to that variety except in size. The fruit is very firm, of perfect conical shape, with short neck, bright crimson, not quite so dark as Marshall. I might have given the name "Warfield Improved" in description of this berry without leading anyone astray, but the Lyon is no relative of the Warfield. The fruit is much larger and sweeter, the plant heavier in root and darker in foliage. It is quite distinct. It shows up especially well in hills or very narrow rows, but even in the matted row it is a large berry and the yield is enormous."

Flansburg & Pierson of Michigan report as follows on the Lyon: With us last year the berries lay in piles, like Haverlands, but brilliant red in color, with red flesh, firm and solid. We do not know of any single berry we could class with it in comparison. It is entirely distinct, yet somehow we always thought of Haverland

when we saw the berries lying layer deep about the plants.

Mr. Edwin W. Cone, of Wisconsin, said of the Lyon after the fruiting season of 1899: "It ranks almost perfect in the five points of vigor, productiveness, size, quality and firmness." After the season of 1900, he said, "The Lyon was easily the most productive variety this season, even eclipsing Splendid and Parker Earle." Per Dozen 50c; 25, 75c; 100, \$2.20.

Dornan. (Per.) Introduced last season by Flansburg & Pierson as Uncle Jim, but later the State Horticultural Society changed the name to "Dornan" after the discover, J. F. Dornan, of Glenn, Mich., who has fruited it for several seasons. On our place the plant is fine and large, very thrifty and vigorous, withstanding the past wet season as well or better than any variety we have, of good color and a fine plant maker. Berries very large, uniform, of bright red color and good quality, firm and productive.

The following is the introducer's description: "The plant is large and healthy, a strong grower, making a good row of well-rooted stocky plants. The berries are

very large, heart shape and very uniform, beautiful and attractive. Flesh red when fully ripe, an excellent canner and a most desirable shipper. The variety has a perfect blossom and is wonderfully productive. Mr. Dornan states that it will stand up and pick for from four to five weeks and produce twice as many cases per acre as any other variety. Season medium to late. We wish to say we have grown and tested over 200 named varieties besides other hundreds of unnamed seedlings, and we consider the Uncle Jim the finest of them all." Per Dozen, 30c; 25, 45c; 100, \$1.20.

Dewey. (Per.) Originated on the grounds of James Nimon of Texas, and introduced in 1901, by E. W. Wooster of Maine. Mr. Nimon is the Originator of the Parker Earle strawberry. The plants are large and licalthy, free from rust, and one of the finest growers on our place.

Mr. Wooster says: It is a seedling of the Haverland with the Parker Earle; but is larger than either; a long, beautiful, glossy scarlet, very symmetrical, firm, giving every evidence of a good carrier; quality better than the Haverland, and most extremely productive. It has the longest roots of any variety, running down deep after moisture and out in search of food, thus enabling it to well stand the dryest seasons, both in runner making and fruit producing, in fact, the most extremely dry season of last year did not seem to effect its fruiting or runner making qualities in the least, which so effected nearly all the other varieties to a greater or less extent. I have the greatest faith in it of any new variety that I have ever tested up to the present, and believe it has a most extremely brilliant future, which will spread from Maine to Texas, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Every fruit grower should not delay to procure at least a few of these plants, as soon as possible, and there is no danger, I believe, in planting largely of them. I shall take chances (which I consider no chance at all) and plant largely of them for fruiting on next season. I will say further that the wonderful Sample by the side of it last season, under exactly the same treatment, did not yield half as much fruit, nor was it so large or beautiful in appearance, and far behind it in firmness and quality. This variety outyielded all others with us the past season. Per Dozen, 30c; 25, 15c; 100, \$1.00.

Varieties that are Better Known. Well Tested Kinds.

Palmer. (Per.) From New Jersey. Claimed to be the best extra early berry ever introduced. The plants are large, make plenty of runners and have a light green foliage. They send up from two to four fruit stalks to each plant, all of them well filled with large perfect blossoms. We regret to say on account of their earliness, the severe frost in May killed nearly all the blossoms, so it was impossible to judge in regard to the size of the fruit or the productiveness of the berry. The flesh, however, is firm, red all through, sweet, and of a rich pineapple flavor. Per Dozen, 200; 100, 600; 1000, \$3.50.

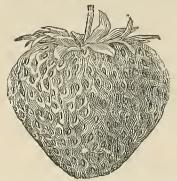
Hero. (Per.) From Arkansas. This is one of the new varieties that has come to stay. I fruited it last year, and an much pleased with it. The plants are large in size, no rust, a good average grower, and very productive. It is a seedling of the Haverland, crossed by VanDeman.

Berries large, firm, best quality, and of a light crimson in color. It ripens all over at once, and is a good shipper. No strawberry grower will make a mistake, in getting a start in this variety. Season reckoned early. *Per Dozen*, 200; 100, 600; 1000, \$3.50.

Downing's Bride. (Imp.) This variety was sent out several years ago as a premium, as "No. 1000." One of the finest varieties in our collection. It is a good grower, the plants being large, healthy and productive. The fruit is very

large, of regular conical form, bright glossy red. The berries shine as if they were varnished and are as good as the Wm. Belt or Marshall. They resemble the old Jucunda in appearance. Mr. Wm. P. Wise, of Virginia, who named the variety and grows it extensively, considers it superior to the Wm. Belt in every way. We would most heartily recommend it to every grower for home use and to market growers who want one of the most beautiful berries in existence." Per Dozen, 200; 100, 600; 1000, \$3.50.

Minute Man. (Imp.) Introduced in 1901 by Mr. Geo. F. Wheeler of Mass. Mr. Wheeler says in his circular for 1902, that last season the Minute Man was



so large and fine that it readily sold in the Boston market from 3 to 10 cents higher than the other berries, and on account of the wet season, it was the only variety he shipped as a fancy berry. The plant here is strong and hardy, a great runner, and entirely free from rust. The foliage is very abundant, and gives ample shade to the berries. The fruit is a dark, glossy crimson in color, and is borne on strong, stiff stems, which keep the berries off the ground.

The quality is very fine, equal to Marshall, which is a good recommendation. With regard to size, the Minute Man produces berries as large as the best Bubach, but the average is about on a par with Brandywine, and the berries continue a good size up to the last picking. Under good cultivation it will produce 6,000

Under good cultivation it will produce 6,000 quarts to the acre. Those who saw the Minute Man last summer in the picking season were much pleased with it, and believed it to be a promising variety. In his July catalogue he said: "We place it above all others. It is the most productive berry we have. Good size, the best quality, dark glossy red and of fine shape."

The plants here are exceedingly productive, of large, bright, attractive berries, that hold their size to the very last. *Per Dozen*, 20c; 100, 60c; 1000, \$3.50.

Sutherland. (Imp.) Originated and introduced by Mr. Engene Sutherland, of New York state. A strong growing, healthy plant. With dark green foliage. It is larger than the Margaret or Sample, and with me it is more productive. Berries medium to large, of a bright crimson in color, and of good quality. Fruit somewhat uneven, but very firm and fine for long shipment.

The Introducer says: "It is a new seedling berry originated by mc from the Bubach; I have cultivated it for the past five years. It is an early berry, strong, vigorous, healthy, and the greatest bearer I have ever seen. As a market berry and for home use it cannot be equaled, for its productiveness is almost beyond belief. The fruit is large, bright colored and of elegant flavor, and the Sutherland is bound to stand at the head of all varieties as a money maker for growers. It has an imperfect blossom."

"As a proof that the Sutherland is a great berry to put money into the pockets of growers, I will state that I had two rows of 110 plants each set in 1899. They were fertilized with the Wm. Belt. Last season (1900) was a very unfavorable one because of drouth, but the two rows yielded 520 quarts of marketable berries, carefully culled, and sold at an average price of twelve cents a quart in our home market. One picking yielded 120 quarts."

In March 1901, Mr. Sutherland wrote us, "The Sutherland last year in spite of the dry weather yielded at the rate of 12,870 quarts per acre. They grew by the side of the Win. Belt and Clyde, which were a total failure under the same treatment." Per Dozen, 20c; 100, 60c; 1000, \$3.50.

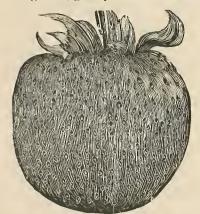
Uncle Sam Strawberry. (Per.) Originated in Ohio. The Introducer says: "Large to very large, will average larger than the Bubach, but has a much longer season, a perfect bloom and is much more prolific. Have picked Uncle Sam berries as early as May 22, and on July 5 of the same year, picked berries 1½ inches in diameter. There are no green ends, no buttons or nubbins on first year's fruiting. Color red, quality delicious, foliage strong and vigorous; berries of Uncle Sam can be picked two weeks after most other berries are gone. Ripens with the Buach." Mr. Hamilton McElory, one of the principal berry growers of Ohio who has tested the Uncle Sam with all the standard varieties, says it excels all others on his grounds. He has not seen the equal and doubts if it has any.

The Uncle Sam Strawberry fruited here last season for the first time, and proved to be all that the Introducer claimed for it. Exceedingly productive of very large, fine flavored berries. They hold their size to the very last. Well adapted for a fancy market. It has a long season of ripening. Our latest berries were picked from the Uncle Sam. A good plant maker, fruit firm enough for shipment. Per Dozen, 25c; 100, 70c; 1000, \$5.00.

Miller. (Per.) Introduced by Mr. M. Crawford of Ohio. The plants are large as the Nick Ohmer or Downing's Bride. They are very vigorous growers and should be kept thinned out or grown in narrow rows for a good crop of extra large betries. The fruit is very uniform in shape and size, except that some of the first to ripen are slightly irregular, but never coxcombed or misshapen. It ripens all over, light red at first, getting darker until fully ripe. The coloring extends but a short distance from the surface, the flesh being cream or light salmon. The quality is so good that no person is likely to find fault with it—it is among the best. The fruit-stalks are strong and of sufficient length, but the fruit is always protected by the foliage. It is easily picked and prepared for the table. When the calyx is removed there is no cavity, but simply a white spot where it was attached to the berry. As to its firmness, I am unable to say as it has never been shipped. It is probably about a fair average.

The fruit is very large, roundish, conical in form, of a bright, glossy rcd, and produced in great abundance. It is a very attractive berry and well suited to a fancy market. Midseason. *Per Dozen*, 200; 100, 600; 1000, \$3.50.

Gibson. (Per.) From New York. This variety is remarkable for its splendid growth, great productiveness and large size. The plant is large and thrifty



healthy and perfectly free from rust. Fruit large, long, conical, very regular in form and great firmness. In quality it is very sweet and rich. The color is a bright glossy crimson. On account of its fine flavor and good shipping qualities it will without doubt become very popular. Late. Per Dozen, 20c; 100, 60c; 1000, \$3.50.

Sample. (Imp.) No variety has been introduced with better testimonials. The plants are quite vigorous and very productive. The berries are medium to large, regular heart shaped, crimson, fairly firm and of good quality. The fruit colors over at once without any white tips. The Sample was the most productive berry at the Massachusetts Experiment station where a large number strawlerries were on trial. Late. *Per Dozen, 20c; 100, 50c; 1000, \$3.00.*

Poconoke. (Per.) The berry is round conical, resembles the old Wilson but is much larger. The plant is a strong robust grower with very dark green foliage, perfectly free from rust or blight and enormously productive. The fruit is large, firm, of a deep red and one of the best in quality.

The berries continue large to the end of the season. They ripen evenly and are one of the best shippers yet introduced. It is very nightly praised by all those who have tested it and with out doubt will be placed at the head of the standard varieties.

Midseason. Per Dozen, 200; 100, 500; 1000, \$3.00.

Nick Ohmer. (Per.) The naming of fruit after some great and good man of horticultural fame is not always a guarantee that the fruit is as great and good as its namesake, but it was a happy thought that named the "Nick Ohmer" Strawberry. A strong, perfect bloomer, productive of very large, rich dark red, globular berries; high colored all the way through and delicious in flavor. A grand fancy market berry and a superb table berry always, like all berries of its class it thrives best on a deep rich, rather moist soil, and responds readily to high culture. Late. Per Dozen, 200; 1000, 600; 1000, \$3.50.

Senator Dunlap. (Pcr.) The plant is slender, with very long roots, runs more freely than Warfield and is larger. The fruit is of much better quality, is good for canning and shipping, but is not quite as dark colored. It ripens with the Haverland. *Per Dozen*, 20c; 100, 60c; 1000, \$3.50.

Additional Varieties.

Haverland (Imp.) Clyde. (Per.) 500 per 100; \$3.00 per 1000.

Bubach and Seaford. (Imp.) *Per Dozen*, 200; 100, 600; 1000, \$3.50.

Margaret, Empress, Ridgeway and Klondike. (Per.) per dozen, 25c; per 100, 70c.

RASPBERRIES.

By Express or Freight.

Plants and tips are extra strong and well graded.

- Thomson's Prolific. (Reds.) A very early ripener, last of the strawberry season. Per Dozen 25c; 25, 40; 100, \$1.00.
- Cuthbert. (Red) Popular market variety. Large, strong grower, best quality, very productive. Per Dozen, 25c; 25, 40c; 100, \$1.00; 1000, \$7.00.
- Hilborn. The best black cap. Large size, fine quality, vigorous canes, and great productiveness. Per Dozen, 25c; 25, 40c; 100, \$1.00.
- Nemaha. Has excelled all other late varieties. Planted largely in place of the Gregg. Per Dozen, 25c; 25, 40c; 100, \$1.00.
- Munger. (New.) Hardier, much larger, firmer, of better quality, and productive as the Gregg. Per Dozen, 35c; 25, 50c; 100, \$1.50.
- Worthy. This hardy red Raspberry is a native Connecticut seedling. It is a stocky, semi-dwarf bush with broad, tough, leathery foliage; twigs free from all disease, wonderfully productive, of medium to large dark red berries of excellent quality. The earliest large, good, red Raspberry known. Continues a long time in fruiting, and ripens its latest berries almost as large as the very first. A hardy, productive, early Raspberry is always profitable, and in this respect Worthy heads the list. Fer Dozen, 50c; 25, 75c; 100, \$3.00.

BLACKBERRIES.

Strong plants with cross roots. Fine,



Snyder. Early; hardy, wonderfully productive. More largely planted than any other. Per Dozen, 30c; 25, 45c; 100, \$1.00; 1000, \$8.00.

Rathburn. The largest of all blackberries. Fruit glossy, jet black; very productive. Per Dozen, 40c; 25, 60c.

Erie. Large size; strong grower; fruit sweet; productive; good for market. Per Dozen, 35c; 25, 50c; 100, \$1.50.

Mersereau. Very large; hardy, productive, and delicious quality. Per Dozen, 5oc.

Early King. An extra early blackberry, exceedingly hardy variety of great merit. Canes of a strong growth, and very prolific. It is much larger than Early Harvest and its delicious sweetness renders it of special value for home use

or market. Those who have tried this variety are well pleased. Last season our Early King blackberries were nearly all picked when the Snyder began to ripen. Per Dozen, 30c; 25, 45c; 100, \$1.25.

STRAWBERRY TALK.

The past season has been considered one of the worst in recent years for growing good plants for fruit and for the trade. The continued rain and cold weather has made plants in many parts of the country very scarce. We have grown, however, by good cultivation and experienced help a large stock of No. 1 plants. We gave them a thorough spraying with Bordaux Mixture in the spring and fall and they went into winter quarters looking the brightest and healthiest of any we have ever grown. Last season the Sutherland, Hero, Minute Man, Uncle Sam, and Miller fruited here, and I was very much pleased with them. The blossoms were scarcely injured by the rain or frost, and they produced more large berries than many of the standard varieties.

To those who have not had much experience in growing and marketing strawberries I would say: If you have a market that demands a fancy berry and you wish to grow only the largest and the best in quality and will give them good culture, plant the Uncle Sam, Minute Man, Miller, Downing's Bride, Nick Ohmer and Margaret. If you wish to grow the early vartieties, plant the Fairfield, Palmer, Sutherland, Hero, Haverland, Dunlap and Clyde. Midseason, Uncle Sam, Minute Man, Downing's Bride, Poconoke, Miller, Margaret, Empress and Dewey. Late, Uncle Jim, Doram, Klondike, Sample, Gibson, Nick Ohmer, Ridgeway, Chillie and Uncle Sam.

The plants are trimmed of all dead leaves and stems; carefully sorted and graded and only the largest and best are retained for shipment. We give you the very best; no difference how small the order, they must be the best.

Our plants are equal to the best pedigree plants and are superior for planting new beds to those usually grown in the broad matted row. Superior plants produce larger and finer fruit.

Would be pleased to have you include some of the new varieties in your order for plants. They come highly recommended and may prove to be just the berry you have wanted. It pays to test some of the novelties for 90 per cent. of the standard varieties today, ten years ago were novelties. Remember my plants are strictly first class and up-to-date comprising the choicest and most promising of the new varieties and all of the best and well-tested of the standard kinds.

Thanking you for past favors and soliciting trial orders from new customers,

I am very truly yours for success,

C. W. GRAHAM.